Communal riots

125. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of incidents of communal riots during 1986;

(b) what is the total number of persons killed as a result thereof, State-wise;

(c) what fresh steps, if any, have been or are being taken to maintain communal harmony; and

(d) what is the outcome of the steps so far taken by the States to curb these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) On the basis of available information, particulars of communal riots during the year 1986 and the number of persons killed in those riots are as under:—

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of communal riots during 1986	Total number of persons killed
1	Bihar	1	10 (According to the Govt. of Bihar, only three deaths can be atributed solely to communal violence)
2.	Gujarat	7	92
3.	Karnataka	3	20
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1	8
5.	Maharashtra	3	17
6.	Uttar Pradesh	3	37

(c) The necessity of maintaining communal harmony and public order has been time and again stressed on the State Governments/UTs. Suggestions have been made to them to streamline the administrative and intelligence machinery and for measures like arrest of anti-social elements, search and seizure for the recovery of arms and ammunition and action against the elements inciting communalism. Central forces have also been made available. Apart from this, timely alerts are sounded and guidance and advice provided as and when required. A detailed set of guidelines for effective control of communal violence, which was reviewed and revised in 1985 has also been circulated amongst all the State Governments.

It is also in this context that the 5-point programme of the former Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi was commended to the State Governments. The National Integration Council deliberated on various issues in its meetings held on 12th September, 1986. In this connection Home Minister has also addressed all the Chief Ministers of States/UTs in Oct., 1986.

(d) The promotion of communal harmony is not a one time exercise and needs constant vigilance and efforts on the part of all concerned.

Import of Capital goods

126. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJFE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the total value of capital goods imported during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and during the first six months of 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): The total value of